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SUBJECT KURDISH CONFLICT

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1. ALL IRAQI MEDIA GAVE BANNER COVERAGE TO MILITARY COMMUNIQUE OF DECEMBER 31 WHICH CLAIMED THAT IRANIAN ARTILLERY SHELLED AREA OF QALAT DIZA ON DECEMBER 29 AND 30 WITH "AMERICAN-MADE" 175 MM GUNS. STATEMENT SAID "WE REPEAT WARNING TO IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IN OUR LAST STATEMENT AND CALL ATTENTION TO DANGERS SUCH ENCROACHMENT IS BOUND TO ENTAIL".

2. ON DECEMBER 30, DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
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CALLED IN MILITARY ATTACHES FOR WHAT IT PROMISES WILL BE

MONTHLY BRIEFING ON SITUATION IN NORTH. ACCORDING TO
BRITISH ATTACHE, DMI BRIEFER MADE INTER ALIA FOLLOWING
COMMENTS: GOI FORCES HAVE SEIZED HIGH GROUND EAST OF
ROWANDUZ AND ARE ENGAGED IN MOPPING UP OPERATIONS;
KURDISH GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IS CONINUING BEHIND IRAQI
LINES; KURDISH MORALE IS VERY POOR BUT THEY ARE AFRAID
TO SURRENDER BECAUSE OF PUNISHMENT TO MEMBERS OF FAMILY;
IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN WAR IS INCREASING IN DIRECT PRO-
PORTION TO IRAQI SUCCESS; ISRAELI AND U.S. AGENTS ARE
SERVING AS ADVISORS TO KURDS; AND IRAN HAS HAWK MISSILES
DESPITE U.S. DENIAL (BRIEFER PRODUCED PHOTO OF TWO HAWKS
ALLEGEDLY SHOWN IN PARADE IN TEHRAN IN EARLY DECEMBER).

3. COMMENT: IRAQI CLAIM THAT KURDISH MORALE IS SINKING
COULD BE SIGNIFICANT, BUT IT IS CONTRARY TO MOST RECENT
JOURNALISTS' ACCOUNTS I HAVE SEEN.
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